

**MINUTES  
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING  
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX  
May 23, 2013 – 9:30 A.M.**

**Call to Order.** Carry Baker, Acting Chair, called the General Issues Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) to order at 9:31 a.m. on May 23, 2013, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: All votes are unanimous, unless noted otherwise.)

**1. Roll call and welcome visitors.**

James "Jim" Greer, P.E.	Chair (excused absence)
Carry A. Baker, JD	Acting Chair
Bobby Ballí, P.E.	Member
Sina Nejad, P.E., P.Eng.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr., P.E, Emeritus Board Members, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
Priscilla Pipho, MPA	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
David Howell, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Jeff Mutscher	Director of Finance
Dewey Helmcamp, III JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

**Visitors.** Terry Bilderback, Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Trish Smith, TSPE Executive Director; Ken O'Brien, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

**2. Public comment.** None.

**DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-6):**

**3. Discuss and possibly act on the following rule adoption(s):**

- **§137.5 Notification of Name Change, Address Change, Employer Change, and Criminal Conviction.**

Mr. Clark reported that this rule change is to add that any violation of a PE in another state must be reported to the Texas Board. The rule was proposed at the last Board meeting and posted in the Texas Register for comment. One comment was received and has been addressed in the pre-ambble of the rule.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly Board meeting May 23, 2013, to adopt the rule as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**4. Discuss and possibly act on the following rule proposal:**

- **§131.35 Employee Training (4)(d).**

Mr. Mutscher reported that the proposed change to this rule is to raise the employee tuition reimbursement fee from \$900 to \$1500 to qualified employees. The rule will be posted in the Texas Register for comment.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Nejad) to recommend to the Board to approve the proposed rule change to be posted in the Texas Register for comment. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**5. Possible TBPE rule changes due to 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session.**

Mr. Kinney mentioned that an exhibit was included for Committee members to review of upcoming implementation of statutory change due to bills passed during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session. The Board will present proposed rule changes in August for possible adoption in November.

**6. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.**

None.

**Adjourn.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Nejad/Ballí) to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved as submitted:  
Date Board accepted:

August 29, 2013  
August 29, 2013